

Our Place

THE BLM IN IDAHO



Idaho

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Idaho public lands are a tapestry of canyons and deserts, grasslands and forests, valleys and mountains. They are rich with wildlife, braided with wild rivers, and those who came before us.

Recreation

More than ever, people come to hike, raft and ride; to experience solitude; and to explore a place where no reservations are required. Public lands in Idaho contain 436 miles of nationally designated trails, including some of the most pristine portions of the Lewis and Clark Trail, the Oregon Trail, and the Continental Divide Trail.

Cultural Resources

Idaho's public lands contain numerous culturally significant sites, some of which date back nearly 10,000 years. They include pictographs and petroglyphs of American Indians whose descendants, today, exercise reserved treaty rights and traditional uses on these lands. They also include wagon ruts from pioneer wagons from the late 1800's.

Fish and Wildlife

The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area has the highest known density of nesting raptors in North America. More than 100 bald eagles return each winter to public lands along Lake Coeur d'Alene in northern Idaho, attracting wildlife watchers from around the Nation and world. Gray wolves, chinook salmon, sage grouse and many other threatened, endangered and sensitive species also rely on Idaho's public lands for survival.



Rivers and Streams

Idaho's public lands are surprisingly wet. Idaho BLM manages about 3,900 miles of stream and 2,700 miles of non-stream wetland habitat.

Wild Horses and Burros

Idaho BLM manages six wild horse herd areas for a total population of about 600 horses.

WORKING LANDS

Idaho's public lands have always been working lands. They produce minerals, timber, and livestock forage. These abundant resources are vital to communities in the state and return more than \$10 million in annual revenue to the American people.

Rangeland

About 1,900 permittees graze livestock on Idaho's public land. Idaho BLM conducts regular assessments of all grazing allotments to ensure that grazing practices are consistent with Idaho's Standards for Rangeland Health.

Wildland Fire

Idaho conducts the largest wildfire management program in BLM, outside of Alaska. Partnerships formed between BLM and local fire departments, private businesses and individual citizens have helped reduce the impact of wildfires on Idaho's communities, economy and natural resources.

Restoration

Increasing wildfire, invasive noxious weeds, and abandoned mines threaten the health of public lands. The restoration of land and watersheds, while protecting healthy areas, is one of Idaho BLM's biggest challenge and most important priorities.

Forestry

We've got trees! Idaho BLM manages over 320,000 acres of commercial forest land producing 22.3 million approximate board feet of timber and sales generating over \$1 million in annual revenues.



Chinook Salmon come home to spawn each year in Idaho.



Idaho works to keep its rangelands healthy.



Idaho has spectacular canyons and wild rivers.

SPECIAL PLACES

South Fork of the Snake River

Bring your best hand-tied flies. Cutthroat trout fishing on the South Fork is the best you'll find anywhere.

Bald Mountain

Sun Valley's famous slopes are managed by BLM and the U.S. Forest Service. The view from Bald Mountain Trail is hard to beat.

Lower Salmon River

You're not in white water's big leagues until you've run this river. Take a wild ride through the Lower Salmon River Canyon near Idaho's western border.

Craters of the Moon National Monument

One thousand, one hundred and fifty square miles of remarkably preserved craters, cinder cones, lava tubes, deep cracks, and vast lava fields form a strangely beautiful volcanic sea on central Idaho's Snake River Plain.

Lewis and Clark Backcountry Byway

Stand on a spiny ridge of the Continental Divide, where Meriwether Lewis and William Clark saw water separate east and west and flow to either the Atlantic or Pacific in 1805.

Owyhee Canyons

The most rugged, remote and least known high desert canyon complex in North America, the Owyhee Canyons in southwest Idaho are among the most spectacular.

Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area

Less than an hour from Boise, you'll find the Snake River Birds of Prey NCA. It encompasses 485,000 acres of rim-top plateaus and deep, rugged canyons along 81 miles of the Snake River providing prime habitat for resident raptors.

QUESTIONS we're often asked

1. Does BLM Sell Land?

This is probably the most common question we are asked. The answer is almost always no. Only on rare occasions do we sell land. BLM's mission is to retain public lands and manage them for everyone's benefit. We are often asked about homesteading, also. Homesteading on public land no longer takes place. The law permitting homesteading was repealed by Congress in 1976.

2. Can Wild Horses Be Adopted?

The answer is a resounding yes. Wild horses can be adopted by qualified citizens. In Idaho, we usually conduct several wild horse adoptions a year. Check with any BLM office to find out more details and fee information or visit www.blm.gov/adoptahorse/

3. Can mining claims be staked on federal land?

Yes. Public land, for the most part, is open to mining claims. First you need to stop by the nearest BLM office and check on land status. Some areas are closed or may have already been staked.

4. Where are the best trails?

Biking, hiking, and horseback riding are booming in Idaho. Your best bet is to stop by the nearest local BLM office to find out what trails are in the area or visit our web site at www.id.blm.gov/recreation and www.idoc.state.id.us/IRTI, the State of Idaho's web site.

5. What maps do you have?

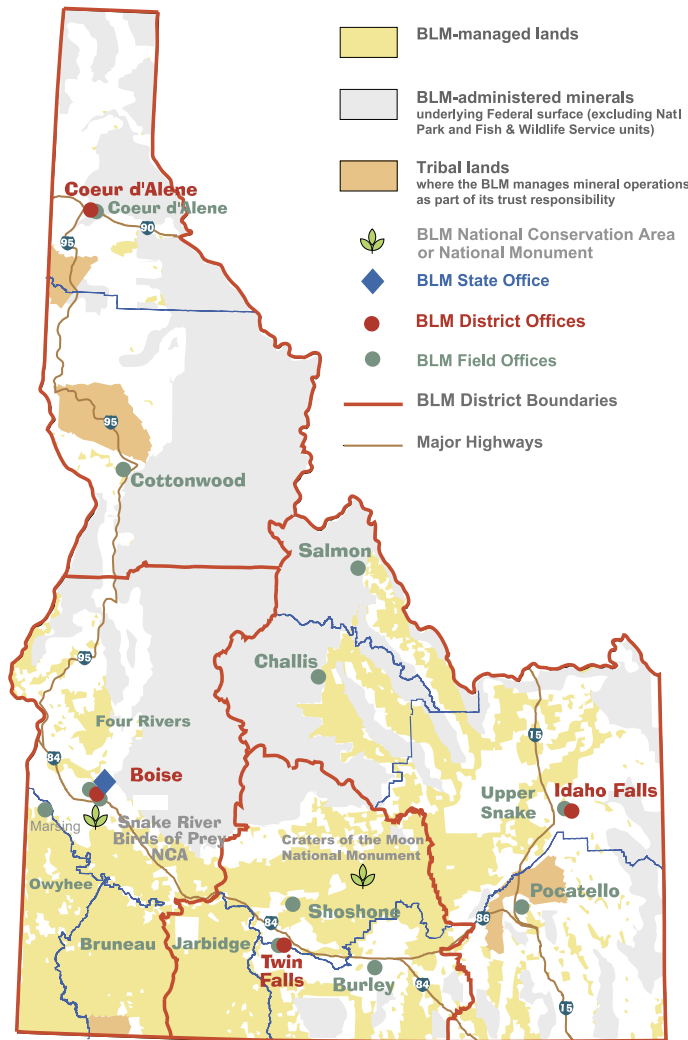
Most offices have 1:100,000 (5/8" = 1 mile) USGS area maps for Idaho that indicate land ownership and mineral status. Two sizes of Idaho maps can also be purchased at most offices; a wall size map at 1:500,000 scale (1" = 8 miles) and a smaller version at 1:100,000 that is 2' x 3'.

Most BLM offices do not sell topographic maps. It's best to call ahead of time or stop by to find out what maps may be obtained at individual BLM offices.



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The BLM manages nearly 12 million acres in Idaho, which is 22 percent of the State's land area. It's an area about the size of Vermont and New Hampshire combined.



Questions?

Visit or call our offices listed on this brochure or visit our web site at www.id.blm.gov.



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Coeur d'Alene District

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Idaho Falls District

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Challis Field Office

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